REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application.

Election/Restriction

The application is subjected to an election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two patentably distinct inventions:

I.   Claims 1-7 and 10-19 are drawn to a forming a bitstream and applying various protection levels to different part of the image bitstream, classified in class 382 and subclass 240.

II.   Claims 8-9, drawn to constructing and storing codebook, classified in class 382 and subclass 253.

Applicant respectfully elects Group I, claims 1-7 and 10-19 without traverse.

Conclusion

Claims 1-7 and 10-19 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, **the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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